## Claims

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A composition of matter which consists of an anionic and a cationic starch wherein at least one of the starches is waxy starch.

- 2. A composition of matter according to claim 1 consisting of an anionic and a cationic starch having an anionic demand (RCD) of lower than 200µeq/l.
- 3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic starch is oxidised waxy starch modified with maleic or succipic anhydride.
- 4. A composition of matter according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of anionic to cationic starch is between 1:10 and 10:1 (w/w).
- 5. A method for producing paper or board comprising the step of
  - a) cooking a composition consisting of an anionic and a cationic starch and wherein at least one of the starches is a waxy starch,
  - b) adding the cooked composition of the previous step to the wet-end of the paper production process and
  - c) drying the paper or board.
- 6. A method according to claim 5 wherein in the composition of step a) the ratio of anionic to cationic starch is between 1: 10 and 10: 1 (w/w).
- 7. Paper or board comprising a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4 in an amount of between 1 and 10 % (w/w), preferably between 2 and 8 % and more preferably between 4 and 6 %.

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8. A process for preparing paper or board wherein the use of the size press is replaced by the addition of a composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4.

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